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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 December 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-19 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 18 December 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>9-23-2002</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Note to Applicant

1. Art Units 2611, 2614 and 2617 have changed to 2623. Please make all future correspondence indicate the new designation 2623.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dunn (US 5,517,257) in view of Perlman (US 6,829,779) and Klopfenstein (US 6,985,190). Dunn discloses a method for implementing a help function in a digital television receiver (col. 2 lines 54-58) provided with a plurality of buttons (col. 5, lines 16-18) including a help button (fig. 4.98) and cursor buttons (figs. 4.70) but fails to disclose the method comprising the steps of: displaying main help items including titles of external elements in the digital television receiver on a first area of a screen when a user pushes the help button; indicating any one of the titles of the external elements with a cursor as the user manipulates the cursor buttons, and displaying a detailed configuration of the external element indicated by the cursor on a second area of the screen; and indicating any one part of the detailed configuration displayed by the cursor as the user manipulates the

cursor buttons, and displaying a help description of the indicated one on a third area of the screen. Klopfenstein discloses displaying main help items including titles of external elements (such as antenna info) in the digital television receiver on a first area of a screen when a user pushes the help button (fig. 6.50 and col. 4, lines 4-11); indicating any one of the titles of the external elements with a cursor as the user manipulates the cursor buttons (col. 4, lines 14-17), and the external element indicated by the cursor on a second area of the screen (fig. 6.54); and indicating any one part of the detailed configuration displayed by the cursor as the user manipulates the cursor buttons (col. 6, 13-18), and displaying a help description of the indicated one on a third area of the screen (fig. 6.66). Perlman discloses displaying a detailed configuration of the external element (col. 9, lines 52-58).

Dunn, Klopfenstein, and Perlman are analogous art because they come from the same field of endeavor, namely the field information setups for television devices. At the time of invention it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the cable set top system of Dunn with the help system of Perlman and hierarchical menus of Klopfenstein to provide the user with information in a manner easily understood.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 2-19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

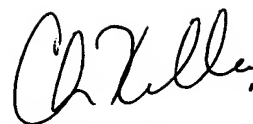
4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Fado (US 6,016,136) discloses a configuration system for an audio device that includes both test and graphics. Scheidewend (US 6,182,287).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David R. O'Steen whose telephone number is 571-272-7931. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 to 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Grant can be reached on 571-272-7294. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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